



REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1645

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: Antibodies That Immunospecifically Bind to B
Lymphocyte Stimulator Protein (as amended)

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2005, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith:

- (a) Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by Rodger Smith with Exhibits C, D, and F-M;
- (b) Substitute Specification;
- (c) Marked up Version of the Substitute Specification;
- (d) Image File Wrapper Evaluation for Application No. 09/880,748 as of August 3, 2005 with Attachments 1-3; and
- (e) A Fee Transmittal Sheet.

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